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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker I would ask to withdraw...or pass over that particular amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Hoagland, who is excused. The next amendment I have is by Senator Rupp. Senator Rupp, your amendment is on page 1771 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is a rather simple amendment. As the Clerk said, it is on page 1772 (sic) of the Journal. If you will look, the essence of the amendment is line 14, 15, 16, and 17. I will read from that: "Nothing in this section is intended to affect the procedural requirements, the Nebraska non-game and endangered species conservation act." So in essence what it does is it maintains the status quo as is. I think we all know that there has been a great deal accomplished by the Water Congress this past summer. I think there has been a coming together of adversaries that we haven't seen in a long time. I think we also should understand that a compromise in essence is each side giving up something they want. I think really this isn't a compromise in effect because one side is giving up something that they already have, essentially the state non-game and endangered species act. I would like to have several things that I will develop in closing, but I would, I guess at this point leave it with this. We have seen a lot of confrontation and we will go back to this again. We have seen a lot of lawsuits, namely on the Platte River, with the Little Blue project, the Catherland project. I think we will go back to this again if we start sending signals from this Legislature that this compromise was not sincere and in good faith. I repeat again, one side is essentially losing something they already have, and I don't call that a compromise. I would urge your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill contemplates that there are some special